

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

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“Verily, verily, I say unto
you, he that believeth on
ME hath everlasting life.”

JOHN 6:47

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Schedule of Services

Sunday School	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	11:00 am
Wednesday Worship	7:00 pm

Nursery

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

Happy Birthday!

Betty McMahon - 19th

This evening's featured podcast speaker will be PASTOR EMERITUS JACK SHANKS

JOHN 10:11-14 — "I KNOW MY SHEEP"

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***Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

COMFORT

"...I WILL STRENGTHEN THEE; YEA, I WILL HELP THEE; YEA, I WILL UPHOLD THEE
WITH THE RIGHT HAND OF MY RIGHTEOUSNESS." (ISAIAH 41:10)

How graciously and tenderly the LORD speaks to His people. Knowing that they shall encounter many fears in this life, HE quiets those fears with these words of comfort.

"I am with thee: Be not dismayed." Here is the solid foundation of our confidence ...His presence. He does not leave us to ourselves to face the trials of this world, the temptations of Satan, and the weakness of our flesh. *"My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."* (LEVITICUS 26:12)

"For I am thy God." The covenant GOD through CHRIST JESUS, whose word, love, and power can be depended upon. (ISAIAH 41:10)

"I will strengthen thee." The psalmist writes, *"For He knoweth our frame; and remembereth that we are dust."* (PSALM 103:14). As weak and frail creatures, how needful that we *"be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man."* (EPHESIANS 3:16)

"Yea, I will help thee." Knowing that His faithfulness is sure, we have confidence in His promise, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. *"So that we may boldly say, The LORD is my helper, and I will not fear what man*

shall do unto me.” (HEBREWS 13:5-6). In all our afflictions and temptations, we have His word that He shall support His elect.

“Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.” The believer is convinced that if GOD would leave him to his own ability and will, he would surely fall. How comforting to realize that we are those “Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 PETER 1:5). “The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms” (DEUTERONOMY 33:27). WHAT MORE DO WE NEED? We are upheld by CHRIST the RIGHTEOUS, who is our ADVOCATE with the FATHER and the PROPITIATION for our sins.

PASTOR **MARVIN STALNAKER**

BLESSINGS

“BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO HATH BLESSED US WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST” (EPHESIANS 1:3)

Most people measure the blessings of GOD upon them by their bank account, their material possessions, and their physical health. I hope that we are not so foolish, so carnal, so evidently in love with this world. The fact is that **ALL OF GOD’S PEOPLE ARE BLESSED OF GOD**. You may be poor, you may have no material possessions to call your own, you may be sickly, in constant bodily pain, and ready to die; but if you are in CHRIST, if you are a child of GOD, you are blessed — blessed of GOD with *“ALL spiritual blessings in CHRIST JESUS” (2 TIMOTHY 1:9; EPHESIANS 1:3)*. Do you see the wording? GOD *has* *“BLESSED US WITH ALL SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST JESUS.”* Everything that GOD ever *can*, ever *has*, or ever *will* give to any man HE has given to all HIS people in the covenant of grace in CHRIST before the world began.

PASTOR **JACK SHANKS**

THIS IS LIFE ETERNAL

“AND THIS IS LIFE ETERNAL, THAT THEY MIGHT KNOW THEE THE ONLY TRUE GOD, AND JESUS CHRIST, WHOM THOU HAST SENT.” (JOHN 17:3)

Eternal life is not a feeling or an emotion though these things may be affected by it. Eternal life is not doing things, willing things, or wanting things though it does produce in us the will and want to do certain things. John 17:3 tells what this life is; *“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”* Eternal life is in KNOWING GOD; PERCEIVING GOD; who can only be PERCEIVED IN JESUS CHRIST. *“And this is the will of Him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son [perceives him as the SON OF GOD] and believes on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day” (JOHN 6:40).*

PASTOR **DARVIN PRUITT**

PUT ON THE NEW MAN

Beloved, put off the old man. *'How do you do that?'* Believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Beloved, put on the new man. *'How do you do that?'* Believe CHRIST. Beloved, put on His righteousness and holiness — *"which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."* (EPHESIANS 4:24)

This is the true refuge and haven of GOD's people; the righteousness and true holiness of CHRIST. Paul said *"...I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith"* (PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9)

How can you know if CHRIST is your refuge? How can you know if CHRIST is your peace? How can you know that HIS righteousness has been made yours? Do you only trust in CHRIST's doing, and count all the doing of your flesh, but dung? (PHILIPPIANS 3:8-9) Do you only look to what CHRIST did in His flesh, and count all the doing of your own flesh one big filthy ruined rag? (ISAIAH 64:6) Has the Holy One of Israel revealed to you that all you are is evil? (Read MATTHEW 7:11, LUKE 11:13)

Like all GOD's people, Paul did not want to be found in his doing, rather he wanted to be found in the righteous doing and true holiness of CHRIST. His ardent desire was to *"...be found in [CHRIST], not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law [by his imperfect keeping of the law], but [I want to be found in] that which is through the faith of CHRIST [by CHRIST's perfect keeping of the law], the righteousness which is of God by faith"* (PHILIPPIANS 3:9)

Beloved, believe it! The righteousness of CHRIST which is of GOD, is freely given and made yours by faith. *"To him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."* (ROMANS 4:5)

Friend, if by GOD's unmerited, undeserved grace, you find yourself believing CHRIST JESUS the LORD — rejoice! For great is your peace... He saith *"In righteousness shalt thou be established..."* He saith *"their righteousness is of me..."* that... *"To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints."* (1 THESSALONIANS 3:13)

Beloved, above all and in all believe CHRIST the LORD our righteousness. CHRIST for us, CHRIST who died for the ungodly, the LAMB that was slain, HE is in the midst of the throne to the glory of the FATHER and the adoring joy of all the saints. Beloved, in heaven we will sing of our redeemer — *"Thou art worthy!"* — *"Thou hast redeemed us with Thy blood!"* (REVELATION 5:9)

Friend, how do you put off that old man of sin and death and put on the new man of righteousness and life? Believe on the one GOD sent, our LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST and thou shalt be saved! Amen. (JOHN 6:25-29)